

# Summary of Operations

MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NUTRITION PROGRAMS  
FISCAL YEAR 2003 (JULY 1, 2002 - JUNE 30, 2003)

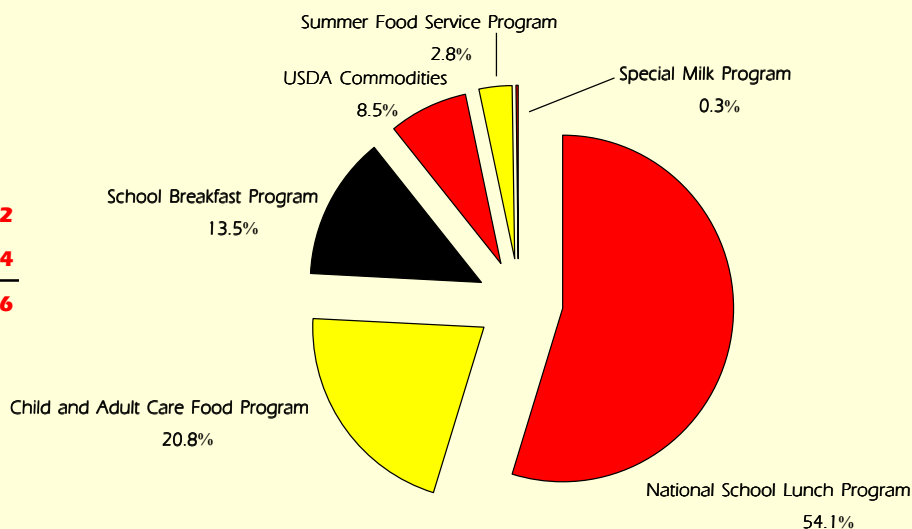


## AT A GLANCE

### Paid to Sponsors FY 2003

<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$149,200,862</b>
<b>State Funds</b>	<b>\$6,264,664</b>
	<b>\$155,465,526</b>

### Federal Funds at a Glance



## PROGRAM DETAILS

### NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

As part of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), school lunch is available for all children up to the age of 21 who are enrolled in public schools and participating private nonprofit schools and residential child care institutions. Snacks are available to students in certain after-school programs. Federal funds and limited State funds are available for each lunch and after-school snack served to students if the lunch/snack meets established nutrition standards. Children from low-income families are eligible to eat school lunch free or at a reduced-price, typically \$.40. Similar benefits are available for after-school snacks.

#### FY 2003 Lunch Reimbursement Per Meal Served

	Federal	State
Paid	\$0.20	—
Reduced	\$1.74	\$.115
Free	\$2.14	\$.115

#### FY 2003 Snack Reimbursement Per Meal Served

	Federal	State
Paid	\$0.05	—
Reduced	\$0.29	—
Free	\$0.58	—

#### Worth Noting:

- Maryland schools and residential child care institutions received \$80,707,821 in federal funds and \$3,627,588 in State funds for lunches and snacks served in FY 2003.
- Maryland school lunch programs served 33,174,083 paid lunches; 7,085,351 reduced-price lunches; and 28,429,911 free lunches in FY 2003.
- More than 395,000 Maryland students eat school lunch each day.
- Maryland schools and residential child care institutions served 694,975 snacks under NSLP and received \$382,770 in federal funds for those snacks in FY 2003.

## SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

As part of the national School Breakfast Program, school breakfast is available for all children up to the age of 21 who are enrolled in public schools and participating private nonprofit schools, and residential child care institutions. Federal funds and limited State funds are available for each breakfast served to students if the meal meets established nutrition standards. Children from low-income families are eligible to eat school breakfast free or at a reduced price, typically \$0.30.

### FY 2003 Breakfast Reimbursement Per Meal Served

	Federal	State
Paid	\$0.22	—
Reduced	\$0.87	\$0.1325
Severe-Need* Reduced	\$1.10	\$0.0500
Free	\$1.17	\$0.1325
Severe-Need* Free	\$1.40	\$0.0500

\*Schools qualify as severe need when 40% or more of lunches served to students at the school in the second preceding school year were served free or at a reduced price and per-meal cost for breakfast is equal to or greater than federal reimbursement.



### DID YOU KNOW . . .

. . . Statewide, the average cost of preparing a school breakfast in FY 2003 was \$1.95. Maximum federal and State reimbursement per meal was \$1.5825. The average cost of preparing a school lunch is \$3.06 and the maximum per meal reimbursement is \$2.4125, including commodity credits.

## Additional State Funding – Maryland Meals for Achievement

The State provides additional funding for schools that participate in the Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) Classroom Breakfast Program. MMFA schools offer breakfast in the classroom at no charge to all students, regardless of family income. Researchers credit this innovative school improvement program with improving students' academic performance, behavior, and well-being.

### Worth Noting:

- Maryland schools and residential child care institutions received \$20,130,776 in federal funds and \$709,076 in State funds for breakfasts served in FY 2003.
- Maryland school breakfast programs served 4,443,065 paid breakfasts; 2,104,959 reduced-price breakfasts; and 12,360,275 free breakfasts in FY 2003.
- Approximately 119,526 Maryland students eat school breakfast each day.
- In FY 2003, 4,901,936 MMFA meals were served in 102 schools statewide. The State provided \$1,928,000 to help cover the cost of serving free meals to children who would otherwise pay something for school breakfast.
- Approximately \$3 million in State funds would be needed to fund each of the 167 schools that applied for MMFA funds for FY 2003.

### AFFORDABLE GOOD NUTRITION

Children from low-income families may eat school breakfast and school lunch free or at a reduced price. To qualify for free lunch, a family's income must be at or below 130% of the poverty level. Families with income between 130% and 185% qualify for reduced-price meals.

## CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

The Child and Adult Care Food Program provides funding for meals and snacks served in participating day care facilities. In order to be eligible for reimbursement, meals and snacks must meet specific nutrition requirements. The program is open to all children through age 12 who are enrolled in participating licensed public or private nonprofit day care centers, family day care homes, or similar organizations providing nonresidential care. Adults enrolled in adult day care centers also may be eligible.

### FY 2003 CACFP Reimbursement Per Meal Served

Day Care Centers				Family Day Care Homes			
	Lunch/Supper	Breakfast	Snacks		Lunch/Supper	Breakfast	Snacks
Paid	\$0.20	\$0.22	\$0.05	Tier I*	\$1.80	\$0.98	\$0.53
Reduced	\$1.74	\$0.87	\$0.29	Tier II	\$1.09	\$0.37	\$0.14
Free	\$2.14	\$1.17	\$0.58	*Based on federal eligibility criteria.			

### Worth Noting:

- Program sponsors received \$30,962,828 in federal funds for 30,838,930 meals served under this program in FY 2003.
- Approximately 58,803 children and eligible adults received meals daily through this program.

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

This program provides food to enhance meals served to participants in the National School Lunch Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program. In addition, bonus commodities are provided to charitable and penal institutions. Foods received are governed by the agricultural supply. In FY 2003, the foods Maryland schools received included meat and poultry, fruits and vegetables, dairy products, grains, and oils.

### *FY 2003 Commodity Allocation Rate Per Meal Served*

Federal  
\$0.1575\*

\*Sponsors of Child and Adult Care Food Programs are given an option to receive cash in lieu of commodities. Institutions receive a similar allocation based on their needy client population.

### *Worth Noting:*

- Maryland schools received food valued at \$12,719,470 in FY 2003.
- Bonus commodities valued at \$910,041 were donated to school systems and charitable institutions.

## SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

This program is intended to provide summertime meals for children who are eligible for reduced-price or free meals during the school year. It is open to summer programs sponsored by public or nonprofit private schools, local government agencies, camps, national youth sports programs, or other private, nonprofit organizations. Sponsors must document that 50 percent of the children enrolled in the facility are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals or that the facility is in a geographically needy area.

Program sponsors receive reimbursement for meals and snacks served that meet established nutrition requirements.

### *Summer Food Service Program Reimbursement Rates Per Meal Served, 2003 Program Year\**


	Federal
Breakfast	\$1.35
Lunch/Supper	\$2.35
Snack	\$0.55

Sponsors also receive additional funds for administrative costs.

\*October 1, 2002 - September 30, 2003

### *Worth Noting:*

- Program sponsors received \$4,352,180 for meals and snacks served under this program in FY 2003.
- Sponsors served 1,802,616 meals and/or snacks through this program in FY 2003.



**HUNGER IN THE SUMMER**

In Maryland, fewer than one in five children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals participate in the Summer Food Service Program. Barriers to participation include program eligibility requirements, transportation, and financial constraints.

## SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

This program is available for public or private nonprofit schools, day care centers, summer camps, and similar nonprofit institutions that do not participate in other child nutrition meal programs. The program is open to children up to age 21 enrolled in participating public or private nonprofit schools and to children up to age 19 enrolled in participating day care centers, summer camps and other nonprofit institutions.

Sponsors receive \$0.135 cents in federal funds for each half pint of milk served to children, or the actual cost of milk served to children eligible for free milk.

### *Worth Noting:*

- Special Milk Program sponsors received \$427,787 in federal reimbursement in FY 2003.
- Nonprofit private schools and other sponsors served 3,188,564 half-pints of milk in FY 2003.

## NUTRITION EDUCATION

The U.S. Department of Agriculture awards funds to states to conduct nutrition education activities. In FY 2003, the Maryland State Department of Education received a \$195,885 grant to promote a healthy school nutrition and physical activity environment in schools across the state. This Team Nutrition grant project runs through 2005.

For more information,  
visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture website at [www.fns.usda.gov/fns/](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/)  
or [www.eatsmartmaryland.org](http://www.eatsmartmaryland.org).

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